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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to include the language from original claim 6. Claim 6 has been canceled. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to provide an article for the decomposition temperature. Claims 7-19 were withdrawn by the examiner and are canceled herein. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are supported by the original claims and the specification and request that these amendments be entered. Based on these amendments, claims 1-5 and 20-22 are pending in this case.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2001-5554. Applicant notes that JP 2001-5554 does not disclose or suggest a composition for forming porous film comprising an acid or base generator for generating acid or base by its thermal decomposition, wherein said acid or base generator is a diazo compound represented by Formula (4) or (5), as claimed in claims 1, 2, 4, and 5. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of JP 2001-5554 and EP 1223192 A1. Applicant notes that neither JP 2001-5554 nor EP 1223192 A1 disclose or suggest a composition for forming porous film comprising an acid or base generator for generating acid or base by its thermal decomposition, wherein said acid or base generator is a diazo compound represented by Formula (4) or (5), as claimed in claim 3. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant notes that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was submitted on January 18, 2006 along with the required fee. In order to facilitate review of the references by the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Form 1449 are attached hereto. Copies of the cited references were provided at the time of filing the original Information Disclosure Statement, and, therefore, no additional copies of the references are submitted herewith. Applicants will be pleased to provide additional copies of the references upon the Examiner's request if it proves difficult to locate the original references.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. If any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is directed to contact the undersigned attorney or Andrew T. Meunier by telephone to facilitate prosecution of this case.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

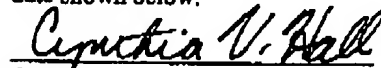


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